

AGRI NEWS

Growing that southern treat, Collards, is an art mastered well locally by Bernest Brooks

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Among vintage Old South families, fresh collard greens are about as necessary for rounding out a good home-cooked meal as the salt and pepper used to season it. And, since collards can withstand some cold as well as some hot weather, collards are a natural for the home gardener here in the south.

Collards are fairly easy to grow. They can stand up to a little drought pretty well, but you must be prepared to do mortal combat with some insects. The good news is that you don't have to worry too much about disease when growing out your crop like blight in temperate areas.

I learned earlier this year during an interview with him that two-term Coffee County Commissioner Bernest Brooks grows about the best looking collards I have ever seen.

Now, please don't load me down with a bunch of letters. I admit I haven't seen all the collard patches in Coffee County. There are a lot of good gardeners around here.

When I first saw the commissioner, he was wrapping some fresh bundles of collards to put out on his small roadside stand.

"That little stand is really just a social outlet for me and my wife, Beatrice," he told me. "I put a few vegetables out and a lot of our friends stop by and spend time talking with us. They also buy a few vegetables to take home. We always encourage their visits."

Brooks has a new crop of collards started now on an acre of land next to his home on Ouida Street in Enterprise.

"I plant my collard seed about the end of August," he told me. "It's starting to get a little cooler then and the hot sun won't kill the plants."

"The first thing I do," the retired school teacher continued, for the benefit of beginning gardeners, "is to put out about 200 pounds of triple 17 fertilizer, then cut it into the ground."

Brooks uses Cabbage Collards (Morris Heading), but you can also buy Yates, Georgia Cabbage, and



BERNEST BROOKS shows the tools he uses in his gardening and growing of superb vegetables (including collards). The retired teacher makes his work easier with a motorized weeder (left); and seed and fertilizer spreader (front left) automatic seeder (front right); and rear-tine heavy-duty tiller (back center). He also has a farm tractor for the really heavy-duty work.

Blue Stem from some of the local garden outlets right now. It's a little late for planting seed, but next time around you can buy Green Glaze, Georgia Southern and Morris Harding seed locally. Also recommended for this area by the Extension System are Champion collards.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

It was great to see a fire hose spraying into the storm drains on Martin L. King Drive this week. City workers, with the help of volunteer firemen, are steadily working their way around town clearing obstructions in the very old Elba storm drain system. There are still more places which need work, but we are assured there is a positive plan to improve these situations as much as possible.

Politics are heating up in Alabama. After a period when we were beginning to wonder if Alabama voters would ever get into the swing of things, phone calls and letters are beginning to pour into our office from interested citizens. Many are asking for information about a particular candidate, but others are like yours truly and are not exactly sure which candidate is running for what office. If you are interested, those so called unbiased polls are indicating the governor's race is awfully close. The same is true for several other races, including the battle for the Attorney General seat which has Elba's Terry Butts challenging the incumbent Bill Poyner. Already it is clear that our ballot will look like a checker board, as first a Republican is marked and then a Democrat, or maybe it will be the other way around. Don't worry, there are still two weeks to make that final decision — **BUT OUR BALLOT WILL BE CAST!!**

An interesting letter arrived this week from a long time reader in Montgomery, Mr. Fontell Wise sent in a copy of an article on former Elba football coach, Gerry House. Look for that report in coming issues. House coached at both Elba and Kinston. He was in Elba during the 2nd World War and is now in his 90's, but still kicking high. House married an Elba girl, Ned Gardner Clark, and took her with him when he moved on from Coffee County. The folks at Ridgecrest Baptist Church kinda like Coach House, judging by their kind words about him.

The recent problems in Dothan and the public outcry over not being aware of a rash of rapes points out something we strongly support... and not just because of our position at the newspaper. One victim said knowledge of the problems would have made her more careful and probably would have prevented her from being another victim. Being informed of what is happening is important in her situation, it is important in bad weather situations (boy, Elba folks can relate to that) and it is important just for the peace of mind of the citizens of any community.

Reports are filtering in from area farmers and the news in the aftermath of Hurricane Georges is not real good. While the cotton and peanut crops were not completely destroyed, the quality and the yields have been greatly reduced from the storm and accompanying heavy rains. Watching these folks battle the elements year in and year out makes one wonder WHY? Thank goodness they continue the fight, because a lot of folks would get bad hungry if they all decided to give up what appears to be a hopeless battle.

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TWO SUSPECTS FLEE ONE CAUGHT

Elba Police spoil burglary

According to Investigator Johnny P. Senn, Elba police officers responded to a burglary in progress on Tuesday, September 22, 1998, at a residence located on AL Hwy. 166 just outside the Elba City Limits but inside the police jurisdiction.

Responding police discovered that a mobile home had been broken into and arriving officers had forced the two suspects to flee on foot leaving their vehicle behind.

Inv. Senn stated that due to a recent change in the search program recently established in the area, citizens had gotten involved and had alerted police to the crime.

Shortly after their arrival on the scene, officers called for assistance from the department's K-9 officer and his partner to come in and assist in tracking the two suspects.

Also, during this time a massive search was begun to apprehend the suspects with assistance from Troy Police K-9 Unit, County Sheriff's deputies and reserves, and several police officers.

The search lasted several hours into the night and was called off for the night after the K-9 units lost the

track of the suspects.

On Wednesday morning (Sept. 23), one of the burglary suspects was spotted in a vehicle traveling through Elba. The vehicle was stopped by Elba Police Chief R. W. "Ronnie" Whitworth and the suspect was detained and brought in for questioning.

Inv. Senn said that further investigation during the day revealed that the suspect, Alan Lee Gilkerson, 28, formerly of Milton, FL, resided at Route 2, Box 100, Alford, FL. Gilkerson was charged with burglary in the third degree and placed in the Coffee County Jail in New Brockton, AL.

Inv. Senn stated that the investigation is ongoing and police are still looking for the second suspect in connection with the crime. The only descriptive police have on the suspect is that he is a white male with dark shoulder-length hair, mustache and beard, and was last seen wearing dirty clothes.

Anyone looking for any information related to this crime should call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 or Crimestoppers at 897-3881.

NATURAL GAS WEEK...Mayor James E. Grimes (seated) proclaimed last week, October 5 through October 9, 1998, as Natural Gas Week in Elba.

AL. Pictured with Mayor Grimes is Buddy Manning (right), representing Southeast Alabama Gas, and Councilman Wavlon Sharpless (left). Sharpless represents Elba which is one of the 15 member towns and cities in southeast Alabama that make up the public-owned natural gas system known as The Southeast Alabama Gas District. In the proclamation, Mayor Grimes noted that "the progress of this entire area is greatly influenced by Elba's Terry Butts challenging the incumbent Bill Poyner. Already it is clear that our ballot will look like a checker board, as first a Republican is marked and then a Democrat, or maybe it will be the other way around. Don't worry, there are still two weeks to make that final decision — **BUT OUR BALLOT WILL BE CAST!!**

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HOMECOMING PARADE ROUTE

October 16, 1998 @ 3:00 p.m.

The floats and marching units of the parade will line up at the old football stadium and high school parking lot. The parade will then proceed along the following route: Dixon Street to the Troy Highway; then south on the Troy Highway by Cook Chevrolet to Claxton Avenue; south on Claxton Avenue; then south on Davis Street by Ace Hardware to Hardie's and The People Bank; left on Buford Street to Court Street; right on Court Street by Tiger Videos (old Martin's building) to Davis Street; left on Davis Street by Ace Hardware to Factory Avenue; left on Factory Avenue by Mutual Savings and City Hall to Collier Street; left on Collier street by SouthTrust Bank to Carnley Avenue; right on Carnley Avenue to Newton Street; right on Newton Street and back to the staging area.

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Elba Police Report

October 5 thru October 11

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, October 5, 1998, investigated the following incidents: two thefts of property, two criminal mischiefs, one drug overdose, one harassment, one unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, two DUI's, one resisting arrest, one menacing, one VPI, one no tag, one attempting to elude, and one attempted suicide.

Arrests made during the week were: one for resisting arrest and one for VPI.

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Everyone is welcome. Rev. Bernard Strickland is pastor of the church.

Bluff Spring Baptist Church to have Gospel Singing

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Youth Minister Kevin Dewberry will be the speaker.

Zion Chapel Baptist Church to have Homecoming, Sunday October 25

Zion Chapel Baptist Church will have Homecoming services and dinner on the ground Sunday, Oct. 25.

Guest speaker will be Charles Sunday, and special music will be provided by the Dibbles Brothers. Everyone is invited.

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Mike Rich to speak at Elba United Methodist

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ROUND AND ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006



***Thinking of you, praying for you: Joyce B. Johnson, Jimmie Moore, Lovie Hooks, Evelyn Manning, Augusta Levins, Rodrick McBride, McMillian & Lee families, William Flomoy, Ann Tyson, Mary Long, Johnnie Daniels, Alice Blue, Grover Belcher, Ruth Belcher.

***Rev. W.O. Edward, Elba, and Rev. R. Caldwell, Opp., visited Grover and Eva Belcher recently.

***Youth Need to Know: African American History - Monthly Motivation - You preach a better sermon with your deuhs than with your lips. Charles Wesley, historian

1930: On this day, Oct. 8, Faith Ringgold, who will become a multi-media artist and activist, is born in New York City.

1941: The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson is born in Greenville, S.C. (Oct. 8). He will become a major political activist and Civil Rights leader.

1806: On this day, Oct. 9, Benjamin Banneker, mathematician and astronomer, dies in Ellicott City, Md.

1823: May Ann Shadd, who will be the first woman in North America to publish and edit a newspaper, is born in Wilmington, Del.

1901: On this day, Oct. 10, Frederick Douglass Patterson, who will later found the United Negro College Fund, is born.

1918: A 1978 graduate of Elba High School, and holds a PhD from the University of Maryland; M. Div., Duke University; BA, Huntingdon College, and obtained a Certificate in Ethics and Public Policy from Wesley Theological Seminary.

Dr. Rich is currently the Director of Communications for the Mississippi Conference involving administration over the Mississippi United Methodist Advocate, and other communication aspects of the conference.

He is an ordained elder in the Western North Carolina Conference, and served parishes in Maynard and Lake Junaluska, NC, prior to moving to Mississippi.

His work in the United Methodist Church includes camp director, student pastor, youth director and student associate.

Mike Stanton-Rich is married to Diane Stanton-Rich, who is director of the Society of St. Andrew, Mississippi Gleaning, and they have a 4-year-old son named Jeremiah.

The public is invited to attend this special event.

Revival in progress at Jack Assembly

Revival services, which began Wed., Oct. 14, are in progress at Jack Assembly of God, Church Hill, Elba, Oct. 17, beginning at 7:15 nightly.

Visiting evangelist will be Bro. Tommy Cronier.

Pastor Steven Dubose and the congregation invite everyone to attend.

The Shepherds to sing at Jack Assembly

The Shepherds will appear at Jack Assembly of God Friday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m.

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Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
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Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH	
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH	Milton Harrington, Pastor
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH	Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST	E. H. Hill, Minister
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
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CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH	Rev. Bennett Abbott, Pastor
Sunday School	10:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship	11:00 a.m.
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DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. William Frank, Pastor
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH	Donna Marler, Pastor
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship	11:00 a.m.
Discipline Training	5:00 p.m.
Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m.
EANON BAPTIST CHURCH	Bernard Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
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FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH	
Rev. L. G. Grays, Pastor	
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
JACK ASSEMBLY	
Rev. Stephen Dubose, Pastor	
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship	11:00 a.m.
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KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	Andy Marler, Pastor
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
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MULBERRY HTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST	R. B. Williams, Minister
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship	10:00 a.m.
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MULBERRY PEACEABLE CHURCH	Mark Steavy, Pastor
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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NEW STARDARD PEACEABLE CHURCH	Mark Steavy, Pastor
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Views from THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

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***NEW BROCKTON (4-3) lost a 14-7 overtime thriller to undefeated Wicksburg, but played the unbeaten Panthers on even terms throughout the game and let everyone in attendance know that the Gamecocks will be around for many weeks to come. The wet field hurt the quickness of the Gamecocks on both offense and defense, but the defense never backed down and really got after Wicksburg throughout the game. If New Brockton can get some consistency on offense, it could still go places...

***KINSTON (0-7) saw its nightmare season continue as Geneva County blanked the Bulldogs 48-0. The Kinston offense never got anything

going in the loss, but the Bulldog defense never once backed down and despite the one score, beat the unbeaten Geneva County with it all for four all quarters. Kinston may be out-manned every time it takes the field, but the Bulldogs battle until the final horn each and every Friday night, and deserve the support of their fans.

ELBA JUNIOR VARSITY TIGERS CONTINUE TO ROAR

It is an old saying in sports that "statistics are for losers." There is no

doubt which team won the statistics, but the only statistic that mattered was the score, which Straughn managed to win by the final score of 6-3.

The Elba offense moved the football up and down the field in-between the two, but never rose in the fourth quarter time again. Penalties that resulted in the Tigers having to punt the ball instead of running it into the endzone. The offense committed a total of 11 penalties for 99 yards, yet still managed to have almost 250 yards in total offense.

The penalties kept the Tigers from taking charge of the game early, and in the end probably were the major factor in the Tigers losing the game. It is almost impossible to overcome that many yards in penalties on the offensive side of the football and have any hopes of putting many points on the scoreboard!

One bright spot on the offensive side was the running of freshman Derek Coleman. Coleman gained 140 yards on 22 carries, and time and again ripped through the Straughn defense for big gains. Coleman's running should at least give the struggling Tiger offense something to build around in weeks to come. Another bright spot came when sophomore Brandon Salter scored a 23-yard field-goal to give the Tigers an early 3-0 lead. The Tigers' kicking game was suspect, to say the least, but Salter's boot let Tiger fans know that Elba could kick if it had to.

The Elba defense must have played well enough to win against a very good opponent. The Tigers held Straughn's wing attack to only four first downs and 13 yards in total offense, and did all it could do to help the Tigers in their attempt to get that elusive first win of the season. The defense was solid up front, on the corners, and in the secondary, and in recent weeks has emerged as a force to be reckoned with.

Summing up the loss, it was just another very tough loss for the Tigers to take in what has been a nightmare season. The Tiger offense simply could not put enough points on the scoreboard to win, and failed to come up with the key plays it needed when it counted the most.

PERSONAL PLEASE...TO THE PLAYERS, ONLY!

Okay, I know that you have been at work for many months practicing football and playing games. After several weeks of the season an 0-6 record is the last thing you wanted, or ever expected to have. I know that you listened to the fans, and probably your parents and friends, throw much of the blame on the coaches for the winless season that is underway. I have also heard that some of the players are talking about quitting, or going to a private school next season, due to a number of reasons. Hey, no one ever bet themselves into running away from a problem, and nothing worth having is supposed to come without having to do whatever it will take to win your remaining three games, and in doing so win the Area 3 title. I know that a trip to the playoffs with a 3-6 record won't exactly strike fear into any of your playoff opponents; however, a trip to the playoffs will at least prove to everyone that you didn't give up and were dedicated to fighting until the final horn of the final game. C'mon guys, you know you can win. Now

prove it to everyone else!

BRANTLEY IS ONLY AREA TEAM TO GET WIN IN WEEK #7

The seventh week of the high school football season has come and gone, and for the teams in the area, only the Brantley Bulldogs will look back at the week and smile about what happened. Here's a quick look back...

***BRANTLEY (6-1) had no trouble at all in posting an easy 45-7 win over Zion Chapel. The Bulldogs had the Rebels out-matched at every position on the field, and did little more than work up a sweat in posting the win. The Bulldogs did get a chance to rest their starters for much of the game, which should help with the very tough schedule Brantley still must face...

***ZION CHAPEL (0-6) was simply no match for Brantley, but never gave up despite the odds and came up with enough big plays on both sides of the football to at least feel good about its effort. The Rebels avoided the shut-out by scoring on the last play of the game, and while it was true the Bulldogs were in the game, the Rebels still had the desire to get a win. It won't be pretty, but it will be a win for...

ELBA VS. CLAYTON

SPORTS



The New Brockton High School Marching Gamecock Band put on another crowd pleasing performance Friday night during halftime of the Wicksburg football game. The Gamecocks will try to lock up the Area 3 championship this week when they host the Kinston Bulldogs in a key cross-county clash. Kick off is set for 7:30 P.M.

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Wicksburg Panthers claw past Gamecocks 14-7 in overtime

By **Josh Lewis, Sportswriter**

The New Brockton Gamecocks and Wicksburg Panthers battled Friday night in the state's top 2A football game. Both teams had one overtime period and the Panthers were able to escape with a 14-7 win over the Gamecocks.

The loss dropped New Brockton's record to 4-3, while Wicksburg improved to 7-0 with the win.

The defensive units of both teams dominated action on the cold, damp night in New Brockton throughout the first quarter, as both punters had plenty of chances to show off their talents.

The Panthers drove to the New Brockton 9-yardline early in the second stanza and appeared to be headed into the endzone, but a 4th down conversion rose to the challenge and turned back the threat when Nicky Anderson pounced on a Panther fumble to kill the scoring chance.

Wicksburg began its next series at its own 30-yardline with 6:04 left in the half, and marched 70 yards to the Panthers 14-7 lead.

Wicksburg had a chance to win

the game late in the fourth quarter after a fumble recovery at the New Brockton 19-yardline. However, the Gamecocks defense held, and the Panthers came away empty-handed with a 27-yard field-goal try fell short.

New Brockton chose to play defense in the overtime period, but saw the strategy backfire, as on second down Myron White scampered 8 yards for a Panther touchdown. Wallace drilled the extra-point, and Wicksburg was back on top 14-7.

The Gamecocks saw the scoring opportunity go by the board on a pass interception, and the defenses remained in control for much of the third quarter, with hard hits and punts dominating the action.

The Gamecocks put the ball in play at their own 36-yardline with 2:07 left in the stanza, and this time the Brockton defense came to life and marched 74 yards to reach pay-dirt.

The touchdown came on a 2-yard run by Lee Flowers, and Robbie Kinsaul added the extra-point, as the Gamecocks pulled even at 7-7 with 11:15 left in the game.

Lee Flowers gained 81 yards on 15 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead New Brockton, while on defense the Gamecocks were led by Pete Harrison with 10 tackles and Danny Toole with 9 stops.

Wicksburg had a chance to win

A New Brockton receiver takes a seat on a Panther defender during action in Friday night's 14-7 overtime loss to Wicksburg.



A Kinston Bulldog running back heads down the sidelines for a big gain in last week's 48-0 loss to Geneva County.



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A Kinston Bulldog defender stops a Geneva County back for a short gain in action Friday night. The Bulldogs will travel to New Brockton this week for a key Area 3 match-up.

SPORTS

Brantley Bulldogs stroll past Zion Chapel 45-7

By **Kelyn Williams, Sportswriter**

The Zion Chapel Rebels hosted the highly-ranked Brantley Bulldogs Friday night and found out first hand why the Bulldogs are considered one of the state's top 1A teams as Brantley scored almost at will early in the game and coasted to a lopsided 45-7 win, at Green Memorial Stadium, in Jackson.

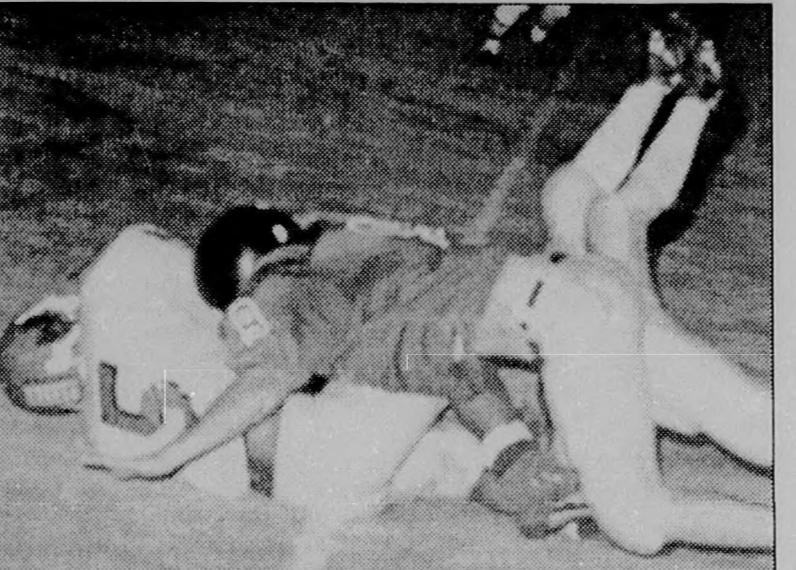
The loss left the Rebels with an 0-6 record, while Brantley improved to 6-1 with the win.

Brantley received the opening kickoff and needed only 39 seconds to get on the scoreboard, with the touchdown coming on a 20-yard touchdown toss to Andre Mitchell. The extra-point failed, but the run was as far as Brantley needed a 6-0 lead with 11:21 remaining in the opening stanza.

Brantley got the ball back on a Rebel punt and quickly marched back into the endzone. Zack Burnett had a first down, and then drove alive while the score came on a 10-yard scamper by DeMarion Wiley. The extra-point again failed, and with 8:51 remaining in the first quarter the Bulldogs lead was up to 12-0.

Zion Chapel managed to move the chains on its next series on a 9-yard

Brantley defenders put the brakes to a Rebel runner during the Bulldogs' 45-7 win Friday night. Brantley will travel to Highland Home Friday night, while Zion Chapel will be at home to battle Flora.



A Zion Chapel defender slams a Bulldog running back to the turf in Friday night action. The Rebel defense will have its hands full Friday night against Flora.

Elba Athletic Club to meet on Oct. 19 at Rec Center

The Elba Athletic Club will meet on Monday night, Oct. 19, at 7:00 PM, at the Elba Recreation Center, located at 764 North Claxton

Avenue. Items to be discussed include fund raising, and plans for the club to incorporate. All interested persons should attend.

Racing action resumes at South Alabama Speedway

Joey Watkins made his return to the South Alabama Speedway on October 3, after a month absence, and took the checkered flag in the Sportsman Feature.

Watkins led from the start, but had to hold off a late charge from Heath Mills to take the win. David Lester came from the sixth starting spot to finish third, followed in order by Jim Walker and James Mason.

In Super Stock action, Jeremy Sumrall returned with a new engine in his Camaro after blowing an engine earlier in the year. The new engine did its job taking Sumrall to his 10th win of the year. Joe Pierce made his first appearance of the year and ran a strong second, while taking third was Howard Penton. Rounding out the top five were Eugene Bell and Tim Lynn.

David Cooper cruised to the Pure Stock feature win, with Roy Childs taking home second position. Wayne Slawson took home third, while rounding out the top five were Don Huff and Dwane Kroger.

Jeff Smith passed Bubba Deaton on lap 12 and went on to win the Street Stock feature. Mark Broderick charged from the back of the pack to place second, followed in order by Deaton, Kenneth Adkins and Jimmy White.

The "Allison Legacy" cars made an appearance with JR. Norris taking the win. Norris took the lead on lap 24 and held on to the 30-lap feature. Charlie Bradberry placed second, followed in order by Shelly Helm, Matt Lasham and Don Meadows.

Jackie Tillery continued to dominate in Powder Puff racing, winning the third time in five races. Lisa Harrison placed second, followed in order by Stacy Adkins, Kelley Kroger and Meshell Carroll.

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Zion Chapel Rebel cheerleaders keep the crowd fired up during action Friday night against Brantley. This week the Rebels will host the undefeated Flora Wildcats.

Brantley cleared out 26-0 in the third quarter to stop a potential

Zion Chapel turnover back a Brantley scoring threat on when the Rebels' Josh McWaters intercepted a halfback pass by Bo Daniels in the endzone, and Brantley got the ball right back on a Zion Chapel punt, and upped its lead to 32-0 on a short TD score by Alan Compton with 4:35 left in the game.

Brantley increased its lead to 39-0 with 3:19 left in the half when Bo Daniels scooped up a Rebel fumble and raced into the endzone, and at intermission it was all over but the shouting on the Brantley sidelines, as the Bulldogs were in complete control with a big 39-0 advantage.

The Rebels' Billy Wayne Nelson

had a Bulldog bobbles early in

the third quarter to stop a potential

Brantley score, but the Bulldogs were determined to get back in the endzone, and overcame a major distance penalty and two fumbles to score on a short run by Alan Compton with 2:39 left in the half when Bo Daniels was in command with 45-0.

Zion Chapel recovered a fumble with 4:32 left in the game and marched into the endzone to avert the shut-out.

Marcus Taylor had two big runs for first downs to spark the Rebels, and scored the touchdown on a 2-yard dash.

The extra-point was true, and Brantley left with the 45-0 win.

Elba to host Clayton in Homecoming clash

Area teams brace for week #8 battles

The high school football season will enter week #8 Friday night, and for the teams in the area, it will be a week at home for three of the five teams, and only one makes across the county for the remaining two.

Here's a look ahead at this week's games:

CLANTON AT ELBA

Two teams still looking for their first win of the season will tangle in Elba's Tiger Stadium Friday night when the (0-7) Clanton Tigers in a key Class 3A, Area 3 battle. Clanton has been mired in a losing streak for over four years, and will enter the clash after losing this season to G.W. Long 25-0, Louisville 28-18, Seminole County 61-6, Slocumb 28-14, Red Level 42-20, Louchapoka 52-15 and Catholic 31-16. While the visiting Tigers have shown improvement, the losses have continued to mount.

Elba will enter the Area 3 clash with an 0-6 slate, with its losses coming on Brantley 48-20, Georgiana 31-7, Sunshine 41-8, Alabama Christian 48-6 and Luverne 18-13, and losses to the (0-7) Clanton and (0-6) Zion Chapel.

Clanton is to be considered the favorite, and will be the underdog at this week's game.

BRANTLEY AT H. HOME

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KINSTON AT N. BROCKTON

The (4-3) New Brockton Gamecocks will put the wraps on the Area 3 title Friday night when they host the (0-7) Kinston Bulldogs, in the annual battle of cross-country rivals. The Gamecocks saw their four game losing streak come to an end last week in a 14-7 overtime loss to Wicksburg, but has been one of the state's top 2A teams all season long, after averaging over 20 points per game, while allowing only 12 points per outing. Kinston has taken it on the chin throughout the season, and has allowed over 43 points per

game, while allowing only 4 points per game. This one looks like a mismatch on paper, but could be a nail-biter.

FLORALA AT ZION CHAPEL

The (0-6) Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to pull off the biggest upset of the season regardless of classification Friday night when they host the (7-0) Flora Wildcats, at Jack's Green Memorial Stadium. The Rebels have averaged over 6 points per game this season, while searching for their first win, but have allowed 35 points per game. Flora has been one of the top teams this season in the 1A ranks, and in rolling to a perfect 7-0 record the Wildcats have averaged over 41 points per game, while holding their opponents to only 12 points a game. This one also appears to be a mismatch on paper, and could be ugly for Rebel fans to watch.

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COMMUNITY



ESJC area students receive TSUD scholarships

Area students from Enterprise State Junior College have received transfer scholarships to attend Troy State University Dothan.

From Elba: Ariston V. Tyler has received the Dean's Scholarship. He is a recent student of ESJC, and plans to major in criminal justice at TSUD. The scholarship is awarded to undergraduate students who have a minimum Enhanced ACT score of 22 (SAT 860) and an overall college GPA of at least 3.25 (4.0 scale).

Recipients must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 (4.0 scale) to keep the scholarship.

From Jack: Debbie L. McCollough has received the Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarship. A 1981 graduate of Elba High School and recent graduate of ESJC, she plans to major in elementary education. The scholarship is awarded to current graduates with a GPA of at least 3.5 (4.0 scale) from area two-year colleges.

standing of Phi Theta Kappa. Recipients must maintain at least a 3.5 (4.0 scale) GPA to keep this scholarship.

From New Brockton: Melissa Jo Dunn has received a Junior College Transfer. A recent graduate of ESJC, she plans to major in elementary education. The scholarship is awarded to current graduates with a GPA of at least 3.5 (4.0 scale) from area two-year colleges.



Music program being offered to elementary students at NBES

New Brockton Elementary School employed its first music instructor in January 1998. This was made possible by a grant awarded by the Alabama State Council on the Arts. The program is being taught by Mrs. Carol Windham.

The music program, "Enhancing Learning Through Music," was designed to serve students in K through third grade by allowing them to explore musical concepts while gaining thinking skills.

Current research indicates that students who study the arts for four or more years score 50 points higher on the verbal section of the SAT and 44 points higher on the math section than students with no experience in the classroom.

A grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts funded the music program for the one semester. Because of the tremendous success and popularity of the music program, local funding was secured not only to expand but to continue the music program through December 1998.

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NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

NATHAN SANDERS

Marine Pfc. Nathan L. Sanders, son of James E. and Joyce E. Sanders of Kinston, recently participated in a large training exercise while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

During "Exercise Matador Live '98," Sanders' unit trained with the U.S. Navy units from the ARG, the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower Battle Group and other special naval support elements, including the Navy Seals.

Home based in Camp Lejeune, N.C., Sanders' unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

The 1993 graduate of Kinston High School joined the Marine Corps in April, 1997.



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Area News

Everett seeking re-election to seat in U. S. Congress

Congressman Terry Everett, R-Alabama, has officially announced that he will seek a fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Everett, who represents Alabama's 2nd Congressional District, was first elected to Congress in 1992. He was re-elected in 1994 and 1996 to the House seat vacated by Bill Dickinson in 1992, and serves on the National Security Committee, the House Agriculture Committee and the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

He is a leader in the Agriculture Committee for Alabama and Southern farmers.

"I look forward to serving in the next Congress as we continue our goals and improve the quality of life of our citizens while promoting individual choice and more efficient government," Everett said.

City of Enterprise announces plans for Christmas parade

The Enterprise Christmas Parade will be held Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. in downtown Enterprise.

Applications for entries are available at the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, 553 Glover Ave., 347-0581. Businesses, clubs, organizations, churches, etc., are invited to participate.

Commercial entries are \$10.00; non-profit entries - free.

Deadline to enter is Dec. 1.

Pike Road crafts to be displayed on November 7

Pike Road Arts & Crafts Fair will be held Saturday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the historic Marks House in Pike Road, with over 300 exhibitors of arts, crafts, antiques, junk...

There will be food and children's activities, as well as other events.

Tickets are \$1.00 in advance; \$2.00 at the gate, and children under 12 free.

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claims from county residents have been filed with them.

The best figure (dollar amount) we have is a \$100,000.00 now on damage to public roads, buildings, drainage systems, homes, etc., is about \$400,000.00," said Webb.

"We think when we start digging we'll find a little bit more because some of the sewage systems in Elba have dropped 2 or 3 feet in the middle of the road."

Webb also gave the commission some more good news. The county has received a grant in the amount of \$30,000 to be used in installing warning and communications equipment. The monies will be used to install sirens in Elba and Enterprise to alert residents of emergencies such as levee breaks and/or tornado warnings.

Since the grant is being administered through the county, the commission gave the Commission

Chairman Robert Stephens the authority to sign the necessary agreements. Elba and Enterprise will each be responsible for the funding funds necessary in obtaining the grant funds.

At the request of Commissioner Kavy Lewis, Webb reported on the status of E-911.

"By state law, we have to have it completed and installed by October of 1998," he said.

Webb noted that the addressing phase is complete, 8 of the rural routes have been converted to the new E-911 address and others are in the process of being changed over.

"It is hard to give an exact date of implementation of the E-911 system but we are trying very hard to move along as rapidly as possible," he said.

In a 4-2-1 vote, the commission tabled a motion by Commissioner Doug Dalrymple that the county

Flu shots are now available at county health department

by Debra Griffin

Ala. Dept. of Public Health

People with diabetes are about three times more likely to die with influenza and pneumonia than those without diabetes, yet more than half of people with diabetes did not get a flu shot in a recent year.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ala. Dept. of Public Health encourage people with diabetes to get a flu shot this season, generally November through March.

"People with diabetes may be unaware that the disease can make their immune system more vulnerable to severe cases or even death from the flu," said Dr. Frank Vinicor, director of the Division of Diabetes Translation at CDC. "A flu shot is an easy, safe preventive measure that people with diabetes should take to protect themselves from the risks associated with the flu."

"Flu shots do not contain a live virus so they cannot cause the flu," said Tamara Kicera, deputy chief of program development and evaluation, Adult Vaccine Preventable Diseases Branch of the CDC's National Immunization Program.

"Getting a flu shot is essential for people with diabetes. For other people, such as family members of people

with diabetes, the shot not only protects them from the flu, but it helps them avoid passing it along to their loved ones. A flu shot is a good investment in health, but people should be sure to check with their doctor before getting this or any other vaccination."

CDC also recommends that people with diabetes receive a pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine to protect against the most common form of pneumonia. Annually, 10,000 to 30,000 people with diabetes die from complications resulting from flu and pneumonia.

Nationwide, approximately 16 million people have diabetes, but a third of them have not been diagnosed. New federally endorsed guidelines recommend for the first time that all adults be tested for diabetes by age 45.

These new guidelines will help doctors to diagnose many of the 5.4 million people who are unaware that they have diabetes," said Dr. Vinicor.

The County Dept. of Human Resources (DHR) Supervisor Debbie Jones said that to apply, recipients must go to the DHR office at 3881 Salem Rd., Enterprise, no later than Oct. 16. Applicants must fill out an affidavit regarding their losses and provide proof of loss.

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ENTERPRISE STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE 1998-99 cheerleaders attended camp at The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) this past summer. They received "superior" evaluation ratings throughout the week, then competed in three categories: cheer, sideline, and fight song, where they placed third in sideline and second in fight song. Pictured (front row, l-r): Jill Justice, co-captain, Hartford; Michael McCraney, co-captain, and Nikki Ellis, captain, Enterprise; (second row, l-r): Callie Bryan, Enterprise; Shera Parker, Hartford; Martee' Howell and Rebekah Riley, Enterprise; (third row, l-r): Joey Pitts, Enterprise; Heath Hughes, New Brockton; Bryan Lunsford, Jeff Edgington, and Michael Stack, all of Enterprise.

LEGALS

STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature at Regular Session of 1998 ordered an election to be held on a certain proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, and further ordered that such election be held in accordance with the general election laws of the state; and

WHEREAS, notice of the election is scheduled for November 3, 1998; and WHEREAS, notice of the election is required by law and by the provisions of Article 1, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Alabama, that the election laws of the state, and

Section 3. The appropriate election officials shall arrange a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the subject matter of the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot.

Proposed by Act

The following shall be followed by the election:

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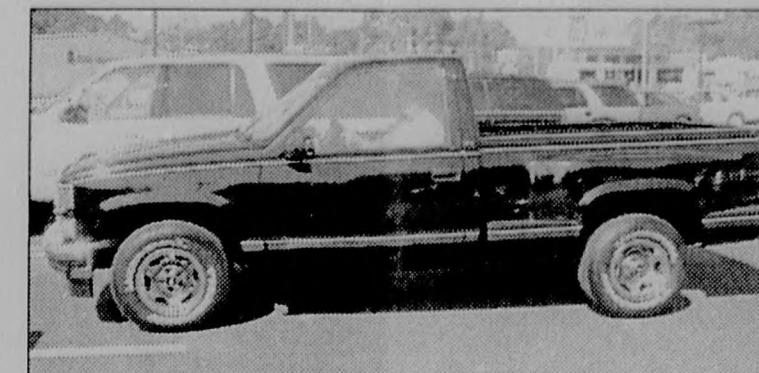
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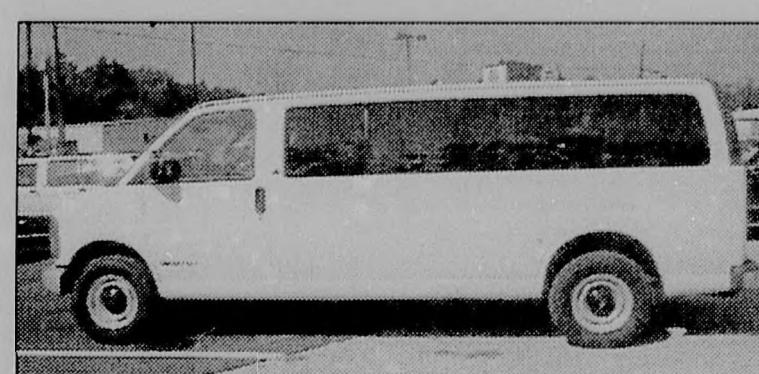
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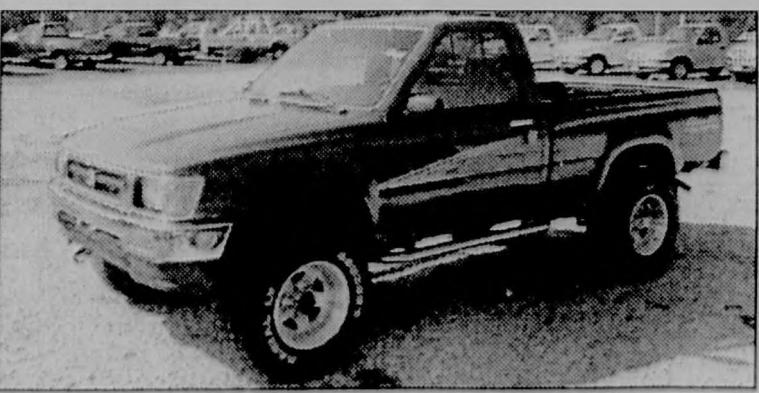
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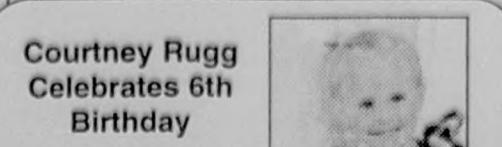
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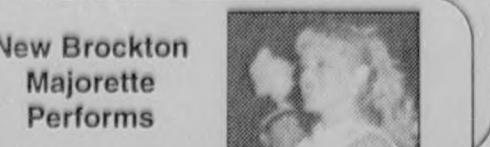
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Round-up nets 13 drug arrests

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

During the early hours of last Friday morning, law enforcement officers arrested 13 individuals on drug-related charges.

More than thirty officers participated in the arrests and execution of indictments handed down by a September 18 session of the grand jury.

According to District Attorney Mark Fuller, the delay in executing the indictments was "to keep the

word from spreading in the street and having people leave before they could be arrested."

The following individuals, all from Elba, were arrested and placed in the Coffee County Jail.

Their names, ages and charges are as follows: Stanley Baines, 33, distribution of cocaine; Dorian Bell, 18, distribution of cocaine; Lester Bourne, 22, possession of cocaine and marijuana, second degree; Stephanie Davis, 28, two counts of distribution; Tyrone Lane, 20, three counts of distribution of cocaine;

Jocklyn Manley, 31, two counts of distribution of cocaine; Alicia Moore, 24, possession of marijuana, first degree; Antonio Pierce, 19, distribution of cocaine; and Gerald Pouncey, 25, two counts of distribution of cocaine; Brenda Scott, 41, distribution of cocaine; Lonnie Silar, 47, distribution of cocaine; Johnieiro Townsend, 23, distribution of cocaine; and Omar Williams, 24, possession of marijuana, first degree.

In addition to the above, one juvenile was arrested on charges of distribution of cocaine.

"These arrests are part of a statement we are making to the community that we are serious about eradicating the drug problem we have," said District Attorney Fuller. "This is certainly not going to eliminate the problem, but I'm hopeful this will deter others from becoming involved in drugs."

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates added, "We are hopeful that county residents will realize that law enforcement officers are working to solve the drug problem in Coffee County, and that their tax dollars are being spent wisely in doing so."

Law enforcement agencies participating in the "round-up" were: the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force, Enterprise Police Department, Alabama Bureau of Investigation, and the Southeast Alabama Drug Task Force.

RED RIBBON WEEK... Elba Mayor James E. Grimes has proclaimed October 21 through October 24, 1998, as Red Ribbon Week. After a long and other drug use has reached epidemic stages among the youth. In his proclamation, Mayor Grimes states: "It is imperative that visible, unified prevention efforts by community members be launched to reduce the demand for drugs. The mayor is calling on business, government, law enforcement, media, military, religious institutions, schools, service organizations, senior citizens, and other individuals to demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free life styles by contributing to or participating in some type of anti-drug program or activity. Supporters are being asked to wear and display red ribbons representing non-use of drugs during Red Ribbon Week. Participants in the signing ceremony were: seated (l-r): Elba D.A.R.E. Officer Dean Blair and Mayor James E. Grimes; standing - Elba Elementary School Principal Mickey McCollough and Elba Police Chief R. W. "Ronnie" Whitworth.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Any resident of Coffee County who is eligible to vote and has not registered, must do so before the Oct. 23 deadline. The Coffee County Board of Registrars will take registration forms until the close of business on that day.

Under Alabama state law, voter registration must be cut off 10 days prior to an election. Voters may register at the Elba courthouse, the Enterprise courthouse (the old post office), the Enterprise Public Library or the Board of Registrars' office in New Brockton.

If a registered voter has been placed on the inactive list, he/she needs to update his/her registration before the cut-off date. Because of a new state law passed in 1997, inactive voters cannot vote at the polls on election day until they fill out an update form.

Anyone having questions may call the Board of Registrars at 894-5347.

Area Happenings

AREA FOOTBALL... Area high school football games scheduled for Friday are as follows: Elba is at home against Andalusia; New Brockton is host to Geneva County; Brantley travels to St. James; and Kinston plays host to cross-county rival Zion Chapel. All games, unless otherwise noted, start at 7:30 p.m.

FLU VACCINATION... The Coffee County Health Department will have flu vaccine available on October 23 through 30. Hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Medicare cards should be brought for presentation. For individuals not on Medicare, the cost will be \$5.00.

VOTING MACHINES TEST... A public test of the voting machines will be conducted on Tuesday, October 27, 1998, at the Farm Center building at the Coffee County Complex in New Brockton. The tests will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude when the selected machine tests have been completed.

LION RONNIE YOUNG was in charge of the Lions Club program for Sept. 22. A representative from Camp Seale Harris, Chairman Lion James Stallings from Auburn, spoke on the camp. Camp Seale Harris is for diabetic children and their families. Pictured are (l-r): Elba Lion Gene Eastburn, Lion Stallings with check from the Elba Club for the camp, and Lion Ronnie Young.

**DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR
CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR
SATURDAY NIGHT**

GTE urges hunters to be careful of lines & cables

News Brief

A late afternoon wreck, Friday, October 16, in Jefferson County, took the life of one Coffee County lady and seriously injured another. Janet Rose Hurd, 62, of Route 1 Jack, AL died as a result of injuries sustained in a two-vehicle collision near Birmingham, AL. Earlene Dansby, a passenger in the Chevrolet van, being driven by Mrs. Hurd, was admitted to University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital where she remains in guarded condition.

According to unconfirmed reports Mrs. Hurd was traveling north on Interstate 65 when she collided with an eighteen wheeler also traveling north on I-65.

Both Mrs. Hurd and Mrs. Dansby were airlifted from the scene of the crash to UAB by a Medivac helicopter. Mrs. Hurd was pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital.

See page 3 for obituary information.